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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All General Officers
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All Officers in Charge

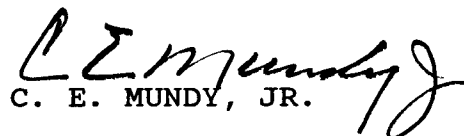
Subj: ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

1. The Marine Corps must comply with Federal, state, and local environmental requirements in the same manner as industries and citizens. The President's support for this concept is demonstrated in his recent order that Federal agencies begin complying with the Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act and pollution prevention goals in 1994.

2. While installation commanders are at the fore of this compliance effort, I expect every commander who resides or trains on an installation to actively support that installation commander's environmental compliance and protection programs. All Marine commanders should emphasize environmental awareness and incorporate environmental compliance into every aspect of how they conduct business, taking affirmative steps to make compliance happen.

3. The Marine Corps cannot afford the cost of environmental inattention. In this era of constrained resources, every dollar spent to pay for fines or litigation costs resulting from noncompliance is one less dollar available to train our Marines. Avoidable violations such as record-keeping and house-keeping mistakes must be eliminated. Long-term strategies and plans must be developed to address major deficiencies. Wise expenditures on pollution prevention can save ten times that amount in future environmental management costs. Units responsible for violations must pay any resulting fines.

4. We have made real progress toward environmental compliance. With your personal attention and leadership, we can still do more. The Marine Corps must meet the challenge of training our Marines while preserving the natural and cultural resources entrusted to us. In meeting this goal, failure to achieve environmental compliance is simply not an option.


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